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animal in such building or upon such premises. Such receptacle shall be provided with a screen cover of suitable material as to exclude flies and shall be emptied at least once every week.

**Births and Deaths—Registration of—Issuance of Burial Permits. (Ord. 270, Apr. 10, 1916.)**

ART. 5. SEC. 27. *Duty of physicians.*—Every physician in attendance upon any person who shall die in the city of Decatur, shall, upon a form prescribed by the State board of health, file with the city clerk for the superintendent of health, within 24 hours after death, a death certificate stating the name, sex, residence, age, cause of death, length of duration of the disease or diseases causing the death, place of birth, date of death, social status, occupation, place of burial, and birthplace of father and mother. A permit authorizing the burial or removal of the body of the deceased shall be issued by the city clerk acting for the superintendent of health, upon the receipt of the usual certificate of death properly filled out, signed by the attending physician, or if the death be the subject of an inquest, by the coroner or other officer holding such inquest.

SEC. 28. *Burial records.*—The city clerk acting for the superintendent of health shall enter in a suitable book to be kept for that purpose, a record of all burial permits issued, specifying date of issue and to whom issued, together with all the items of information upon the certificates on which the issue of such permit is based.

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SEC. 32. *Births and stillbirths.*—It shall be the duty of every physician or midwife attending at the birth of a child, and when no physician or midwife is in attendance, the parents or custodian of the child born, to make a certificate of such birth, and cause the same to be filed within 10 days with the city clerk for the health department. Said certificate shall be attested by the physician or midwife, if any in attendance, and, no physician or midwife being in attendance, by the parent or custodian of the child, and said certificate shall be made upon the form prescribed by the State board of health. That a stillborn child shall be registered as a stillbirth and a certificate of stillbirth shall be filed with the local registrar in the same manner as required for a certificate of death: *Provided*, That a certificate of stillbirth shall not be required for a child that has not advanced to the fifth month of uterogestation. The medical certificate of the cause of death shall be signed by the attending physician or midwife, if either was in attendance, and shall state the cause of death as "stillborn," with the cause of the stillbirth, if known, whether a premature birth, and if prematurely born, the period of uterogestation in months, if known; and burial or removal permit of the form prescribed by the State board of health shall be required. Stillbirths occurring without attendance of either physician or midwife, shall be treated as death without medical attendance.

SEC. 33. *Birth records.*—The city clerk acting for the superintendent of health shall enter, upon a suitable record to be kept for that purpose, a record of every birth reported to him, together with all the items of information in the certificate, and shall when he has recorded such items of information, file the birth certificate with the State board of health and a copy to the county clerk of Macon County.

SEC. 34. *Penalty.*—Whoever shall fail to comply with the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$100 for each and every offense.

**Burial—Communicable Diseases. (Ord. 270, Apr. 10, 1916.)**

ART. 5, SEC. 29.—*Burials and removals.*—No burial, interment, or cremation shall be lawful in the city of Decatur, nor shall any dead body be removed from the city until a permit for such burial, interment, cremation or removal, shall have first been obtained from the superintendent of health. No burial or exhumation of any body

shall be permitted in the night time unless for good reasons, to be entered in full upon the records of the office of the superintendent of health. It shall be unlawful for any person to bury any body of a human being except in an established cemetery. The custodian or sexton of every cemetery in which bodies are buried shall be held liable for interment in such cemetery, if such burial is made without a permit from the superintendent of health authorizing such burial. The transportation or removal of bodies who have died of smallpox, cholera, yellow fever, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or other contagious or infectious diseases, is forbidden within the limits of the city of Decatur, except in conformity with the rules and regulations of the State board of health.

SEC. 30. *Duty of undertakers.*—Any undertaker having in his care or possession, or who is preparing for burial the body of any person who has died of smallpox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, measles, or other contagious diseases, shall give immediate notice to the health department of the same. It shall be the duty of the undertaker to care for the body of a person who has died of any of the above specified diseases in the following manner: At the time of his first visit to the house occupied by the deceased, and without delay, he shall cause the same to be thoroughly washed and properly disinfected; the nasal cavities and all other openings shall be properly stopped.

SEC. 31. *Funerals.*—The funeral of any person dying of the above-named diseases shall be private, and no person except the undertaker or his assistant, the clergyman, and the immediate members of the household may attend. No person shall enter the room or tenement containing the body of a person who has died of the diseases above mentioned except the persons specified above, and any employee of the health department, until the premises have been thoroughly disinfected and quarantine removed. Burial shall be within 24 hours after death. The undertaker shall notify the health department when a carriage is used in such cases as mentioned above, and it shall not be used again until it has been thoroughly fumigated under the direction of the health department.

**Department of Health—Organization, Powers, and Duties. (Ord. 270, Apr. 10, 1916.)**

ARTICLE 1, SECTION 1. *Health department established.*—There is hereby established an executive department of the municipal government of the city of Decatur, Ill., which shall be known as the health department, and shall embrace the commissioner of public health and safety, the superintendent of health, food and sanitary inspector, and such other officers as the council shall from time to time by ordinance or otherwise provide.

SEC. 2. The commissioner of public health and safety shall have full management and control of the health department, and all regulations and orders thereto, to be presented through him. All subordinate officers of said department shall be subject to such rules and regulations as shall from time to time be prescribed by said commissioner.

SEC. 3. *Superintendent of health.*—There is hereby established the office of superintendent of health. The superintendent of health shall be the executive officer of said department, and, in subordination to the commissioner of health and safety, shall have the supervision and management of all matters pertaining thereto. He shall hold his office for the term of one year or until his successor shall be appointed and qualified. Said superintendent may be a physician duly licensed to practice medicine, or a person specially trained for this work, and having knowledge of public health and administration, and before entering his duties shall execute a bond to the city of Decatur for the sum of \$2,000 with the securities to be approved by the commissioner, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duty. The superintendent of health shall have the general supervision over the health of the inhab-